(d) whether Government are contemplating amending its fiscal policies to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Since the pesentation of the Union Budget on February 28, 1994 the Reserve Bank of India has purchased US $ 6642 million from authorised dealers upto July 22, 1994.

(b) The US dollar being the intervention currency, sale and purchase of foreign exchange from the authorised dealers are effected in U.S. dollars. The purchases by the RBI are determined by the surplus of US dollars in the Indian foreign exchange market.

(c) Accretion to foreign exchange reserves results in reserve money creation. This increase in reserve money leads to money supply expansion which, if excessive, contributes be inflation. However, supplyside factors like foodgrain stocks, availability of foreign exchange reserves etc. mitigate these inflationary pressures. In the current year, the Central Government's recourses to net RBI credit has been significantly lower which has moderated the impact of foreign exchange reserves on reserve money and on money supply expansion.

(d) Government is determined to keep the fiscal deficit within 6 per cent of GDP during 1994-95 against 7.8 per cent during 1993-94 and also restrict the recourse to ad hoc treasury bills as stipulated in the Budget for 1994-95. Fiscal policy is constantly under review to meet the exigencies of the situation.

Withdrawal of subsidy from energy sector

*137. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to completely withdraw subsidy from the energy sector; and

(b) if so, what is the extent and expected rise in the power tariff as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) No, Sir. The tariff for sale of electricity to the different sectors of consumers and the extent of subsidy to be provided is fixed by the SEBs with the approval of the concerned State Governments.

(b) Does not arise.

Expansion of AIR/DD network in Madhya Pradesh

*133. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh Government have recently sent proposals to the Union Government for the expansion of AIR/Doordarshan network;

(b) if so, whether the existing number of T.V. transmitters and AIR stations in the State are inadequate to cover the entire population and area; and

(c) if so, the plans of Government to set up such AIR/Doordarshan transmitters during the Eighth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Present coverage of the State by AIR is 97 percent by population and 95 percent by area, while the coverage by Doordarshan is 69.7 per cent by population and 64.4 per cent by area. The national average coverage is as follows:

	AIR	Doordarshan
By population	97%	84.6%
By area	89.6%	66.8%

(c) During the 8th Plan period, Doordarshan plans to set up three high power and twenty low power/very low power transmitters at the places given in Statement. (*See* below) AIR plans to upgrade/augment the power of the existing transmitters at Jagdalpur from 2x10 KW MW to 100 KW MW and at Gwalior from 10 KW MW to 2x10 KW MW. A 2x5 KW FM transmitter is also under implementation at Jabalpur. Recently, a 50 KW SW transmitter has been commissioned at Bhopal.

Statement

	High Power Transmitters			
1.	Ambikapur	10	KW	
2.	Guna	10	KW	
3.	Shahadol	1	KW	
4.	Jabalpur	10	KW	(inaugurated on 29-7-94)
	Low Power Transmitters			
1.	Datia	100	Watt	
2.	Bijapur	100	Watt	
3.	Lahar	100	Watt	
4.	Kelaras	100	Watt	
5.	Bhandir	100	Watt	
6.	Ashoknagar	100	Watt	
7.	Jashpurnagar	10	Watt	
8.	Gaderware	100	Watt	
9.	Kukadeshwar	100	Watt	
10.	Khurai	100	Watt	
11.	Maihar	100	Wat	
12.	Sakti	100	Watt	
13.	Parasia	10	Watt	
14.	Singroli	10	Watt	
15.	Kondagaon	10	Watt	
16.	Pakhanjore	10	Watt	
17.	Budhni	10	Watt	
18.	Alirajpur	100	Watt	(Commissioned on 30-7-1994)
19.	Bhopal	100	Watt	(DD—2) (Commissioned on 29-7-1994)
20.	Sironj	100	Watt	